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SUBJECT Factory Producing for the Military
in the Central Prison at Goleniow
(Gollnow)

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1. There is a factory in the Central Prison at Goleniow (Gollnow)¹, which was constructed during 1950 with the help of prison labor. The factory consists of the following sections:

- a. Machine shop
- b. Assembly shop
- c. Welding shop
- d. Foundry
- e. Precision workshop
- f. Galvanizing shop
- g. Grinding and polishing shop

2. The machine shop contains the following equipment:

- a. 6 lathes with a reach from 0.5 to 1.5 meters
- b. 3 automatic milling machines (table length about 1.5 meters)
- c. 2 electric punch presses (400 and 1,500 kgs)
- d. 2 cutters
- e. 4 large drilling machines

3. The welding shop contains about 15 electric and oxyacetylene welding sets.

4. The foundry has two furnaces of unknown capacity.

5. In the galvanizing shop and the grinding and polishing shop there are four acid-resisting vessels, each of 400 liters capacity, and three grinding machines. The equipment of the precision workshop is not known.

6. Work in the shops was carried on in three eight-hour shifts, each of about 350 prisoners. During 1950-51 the production consisted mainly of beds and cooking vats for military barracks. There was also a small output of safes, with walls four millimeters thick, for military offices and for the Security Police (UB).

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In 1952-53 the production consisted of ammunition boxes for 76 millimeter shells, steel hand grenade casings, heel plates for rifle stocks, and brake-shoe castings for railroad cars.

7. The factory foreman is a former worker, Ambrozik (fnu). The technical supervisor is a former UB sergeant, Wylegarski (fmu). The chief of administration is one Olszewski (fmu).
8. In the summer of 1953 a new storage shed, about 80 meters long, was constructed in the prison grounds. On each side of the shed there are loading ramps and railroad sidings. The shed is intended as a storage place for the products of the factory. Hitherto, the finished products were removed by a special transport column placed at the disposal of the prison.
9. The prison contains about 2,500 prisoners of whom about 1,000 are employed in the factory described.

1. [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] may mean Goleniow (Gollnow) in the Nowogard district, Szczecin voivodship, located approximately 20 kilometers northeast of Szczecin (Stettin).

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